

Winthrop Beach Nourishment Rumney Marsh Restoration Contract No. P11-2686-C4A

TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD

May 9, 2016-May 22, 2016

The following activities will be occurring over the next two weeks.

Winthrop Beach

- Beginning May 9, DCR will commence work on the northern section of the beach to reshape the existing cobble berm to make it less difficult to walk across. An excavator and a bulldozer will be used to flatten existing ridges and to reduce the steepness of berm slopes. This work is expected to continue for approximately three weeks.

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- The environmental monitor will observe conditions of the slopes and erosion control devices.
- No work is scheduled for May. Planting in Area D is scheduled for June.

Design for Phase 4 – Winthrop Shore Drive Improvements

- 100% design drawings for Phase 4 of the Winthrop Beach Improvements are being reviewed by DCR. A meeting is planned for late spring (date and venue TBD) where the proposed design for the Winthrop Shore Drive improvements will be presented for public review and comment.

Miscellaneous

In response to resident concerns regarding the suitability of shore protection renourishment material placed on the beach, Tetra Tech, an engineering firm with substantial experience in coastal construction projects, has been commissioned by DCR to conduct an engineering peer review of the recently-completed shore protection renourishment of the northern half of the beach. Tetra Tech is reviewing past studies, reports, permitting and construction documents to determine if the project was designed and built in accordance with sound coastal engineering practices. Results of the peer review report will be presented by Tetra Tech at a public meeting later this spring. Meeting date and location will be announced shortly.

Please note that street sweeping has resumed on Winthrop Shore Drive. It occurs every third Thursday of the month. Please remove cars from Shore Drive in advance of street sweeping or else they will be towed.

Questions or concerns about the project should be directed to DCR Resident Engineer Steve Colometo, at the DCR trailer behind the DCR bathhouse on Winthrop Shore Drive, by visit or phone (617-539-4957) during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. In case of an emergency, contact 911 or DCR's 24/7 emergency hotline at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency at 508-820-1428.

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